

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): An information processing apparatus for recording AV streams onto a recording medium comprising:

encoding means for generating each of said AV streams forming a plurality of reproduction paths;

managing information generating means for generating managing information including map information indicating positions of entry points of each of said AV streams and reproduction managing information indicating reproduction path change points set on the basis of said entry points included in said map information; and

recording means for recording said AV streams and said managing information onto said recording medium,

wherein said managing information generating means generates a correspondence table describing correspondences between packet numbers and presentation time stamps of said entry points as said map information, wherein:

said encoding means performs encoding such that a video stream of each section starting at said reproduction path change point is a Closed GOP starting with an I-picture and a first packet is a video packet, and

said AV streams generated by said encoding means are included in a transport stream.

Claim 7 (Original): An information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said encoding means sets an identical value as a video packet ID of the transport

stream and an identical value as an audio packet ID of the transport stream in all the reproduction paths.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): An information processing apparatus for recording AV streams onto a recording medium comprising:

encoding means for generating each of said AV streams forming a plurality of reproduction paths;

managing information generating means for generating managing information including map information indicating positions of entry points of each of said AV streams and reproduction managing information indicating reproduction path change points set on the basis of said entry points included in said map information; and

recording means for recording said AV streams and said managing information onto said recording medium,

wherein said managing information generating means generates a correspondence table describing correspondences between packet numbers and presentation time stamps of said entry points as said map information,

wherein said managing information generating means generates said map information and said reproduction managing information regarding the AV streams generated one for each of said reproduction paths separately for each of said reproduction paths,

said apparatus further comprising source-packetizing means for source-packetizing said transport stream of each section,

wherein said recording means records said transport stream of each section source-packetized by said source-packetizing means as an AV stream file onto said recording medium.

Claims 9-14 (Canceled).

Claim 15 (Original): An information processing apparatus for reproducing AV streams from a recording medium on which said AV streams, map information for managing an entity of said AV streams, and reproduction managing information for managing reproduction of said AV streams are recordable, said information processing apparatus comprising:

reading means for reading said reproduction managing information given to each reproduction path having each section divided by a reproduction path change point of said AV stream as a unit, and reading said map information including a correspondence table describing a correspondence between a packet number and a presentation time stamp of said change point of said AV stream;

reproducing means for reproducing said AV streams recorded on said recording medium on the basis of said reproduction managing information read by said reading means;

retrieving means for, when an instruction to make a reproduction path change is given, retrieving said reproduction managing information of a reproduction path from which to make the reproduction path change and said reproduction managing information of a reproduction path to which to make the reproduction path change;

first obtaining means for obtaining a reproduction end position of said AV stream of the reproduction path from which to make the reproduction path change on the basis of said reproduction managing information of the reproduction path from which to make the reproduction path change and said correspondence table of the reproduction path from which to make the reproduction path change;

second obtaining means for obtaining a reproduction start position of said AV stream of the reproduction path to which to make the reproduction path change on the basis of said

reproduction managing information of the reproduction path to which to make the reproduction path change and said correspondence table of the reproduction path to which to make the reproduction path change; and

control means for controlling said reproducing means to move a reproducing point at said reproduction end position to said reproduction start position.

Claim 16 (Original): An information processing method of an information processing apparatus for reproducing AV streams from a recording medium on which said AV streams, map information for managing an entity of said AV streams, and reproduction managing information for managing reproduction of said AV streams are recordable, said information processing method comprising:

a reading step for reading said reproduction managing information given to each reproduction path having each section divided by a reproduction path change point of said AV stream as a unit, and reading said map information including a correspondence table describing a correspondence between a packet number and a presentation time stamp of said change point of said AV stream;

a reproducing step for reproducing said AV streams recorded on said recording medium on the basis of said reproduction managing information read by processing of said reading step;

a retrieving step for, when an instruction to make a reproduction path change is given, retrieving said reproduction managing information of a reproduction path from which to make the reproduction path change and said reproduction managing information of a reproduction path to which to make the reproduction path change;

a first obtaining step for obtaining a reproduction end position of said AV stream of the reproduction path from which to make the reproduction path change on the basis of said

reproduction managing information of the reproduction path from which to make the reproduction path change and said correspondence table of the reproduction path from which to make the reproduction path change;

a second obtaining step for obtaining a reproduction start position of said AV stream of the reproduction path to which to make the reproduction path change on the basis of said reproduction managing information of the reproduction path to which to make the reproduction path change and said correspondence table of the reproduction path to which to make the reproduction path change; and

a control step for controlling processing of said reproducing step to move a reproducing point at said reproduction end position to said reproduction start position.

Claims 17-23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): An information processing apparatus for recording AV streams onto a recording medium comprising:

encoding means for generating each of said AV streams forming a plurality of reproduction paths;

managing information generating means for generating managing information including map information indicating a start point of said AV stream of each reproduction path and positions of entry points of said AV stream, and reproduction managing information including the start point and an end point of said AV stream, reproduction path change points included in said entry points included in said map information, and specifying information for specifying the AV stream of each reproduction path; and

recording means for recording said AV streams and said managing information onto said recording medium,

wherein said managing information generating means generates a correspondence table describing correspondences between packet numbers and presentation time stamps of said entry points as said map information,

said encoding means performs encoding such that a video stream of each section starting at said reproduction path change point is a Closed GOP starting with an I-picture and a first packet is a video packet, and

said AV streams generated by said encoding means are included in a transport stream.

Claim 25 (Original): An information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 24, wherein said encoding means performs encoding such that a start of the video stream of each section is said Closed GOP and a subsequent part of the video stream of each section is a non-Closed GOP.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): An information processing apparatus for recording AV streams onto a recording medium comprising:

encoding means for generating each of said AV streams forming a plurality of reproduction paths;

managing information generating means for generating managing information including map information indicating a start point of said AV stream of each reproduction path and positions of entry points of said AV stream, and reproduction managing information including the start point and an end point of said AV stream, reproduction path change points included in said entry points included in said map information, and specifying information for specifying the AV stream of each reproduction path; and

recording means for recording said AV streams and said managing information onto said recording medium,

wherein said managing information generating means generates a correspondence table describing correspondences between packet numbers and presentation time stamps of said entry points as said map information,

wherein said managing information generating means generates said map information and said reproduction managing information regarding the AV streams generated one for each of said reproduction paths separately for each of said reproduction paths,

said apparatus further comprising source-packetizing means for source-packetizing said transport stream of each section,

wherein said recording means records said transport stream of each section source-packetized by said source-packetizing means as an AV stream file onto said recording medium.

Claim 27 (Original): An information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 26, wherein said managing information generating means generates one said correspondence table to be included in said map information, said correspondence table corresponding to said AV stream file.

Claims 28-33 (Canceled).

Claim 34 (Original): An information processing apparatus for reproducing AV streams from a recording medium on which said AV streams, map information for managing an entity of said AV streams, and reproduction managing information for managing reproduction of said AV streams are recordable, said information processing apparatus comprising:

reading means for reading said reproduction managing information including a reproduction path change point of said AV streams, a start point and an end point of said AV streams, and specifying information for specifying the AV stream of each reproduction path, and reading said map information including a correspondence table describing correspondences between packet numbers and presentation time stamps of said start point and said change point of said AV streams;

reproducing means for reproducing said AV streams recorded on said recording medium on the basis of said reproduction managing information read by said reading means;

retrieving means for, when an instruction to make a reproduction path change is given, retrieving said section of a reproduction path from which to make the reproduction path change and said section of a reproduction path to which to make the reproduction path change;

first obtaining means for obtaining a reproduction end position of said AV stream of the reproduction path from which to make the reproduction path change on the basis of said section of the reproduction path from which to make the reproduction path change and said correspondence table of the reproduction path from which to make the reproduction path change;

second obtaining means for obtaining a reproduction start position of said AV stream of the reproduction path to which to make the reproduction path change on the basis of said section of the reproduction path to which to make the reproduction path change and said correspondence table of the reproduction path to which to make the reproduction path change; and

control means for controlling said reproducing means to move a reproducing point at said reproduction end position to said reproduction start position.



Claim 35 (Original): An information processing method of an information processing apparatus for reproducing AV streams from a recording medium on which said AV streams, map information for managing an entity of said AV streams, and reproduction managing information for managing reproduction of said AV streams are recordable, said information processing method comprising:

a reading step for reading said reproduction managing information including a reproduction path change point of said AV streams, a start point and an end point of said AV streams, and specifying information for specifying the AV stream of each reproduction path, and reading said map information including a correspondence table describing correspondences between packet numbers and presentation time stamps of said start point and said change point of said AV streams;

a reproducing step for reproducing said AV streams recorded on said recording medium on the basis of said reproduction managing information read by processing of said reading step;

a retrieving step for, when an instruction to make a reproduction path change is given, retrieving said section of a reproduction path from which to make the reproduction path change and said section of a reproduction path to which to make the reproduction path change;

a first obtaining step for obtaining a reproduction end position of said AV stream of the reproduction path from which to make the reproduction path change on the basis of said section of the reproduction path from which to make the reproduction path change and said correspondence table of the reproduction path from which to make the reproduction path change;

a second obtaining step for obtaining a reproduction start position of said AV stream of the reproduction path to which to make the reproduction path change on the basis of said

section of the reproduction path to which to make the reproduction path change and said correspondence table of the reproduction path to which to make the reproduction path change; and

a control step for controlling processing of said reproducing step to move a reproducing point at said reproduction end position to said reproduction start position.

Claims 36-42 (Canceled).